Texas politicians deputized complete strangers to interfere with her health choices

Texas' abortion ban falls most heavily on minority, LGBTQ, and low-income communities who can't afford to travel or access quality healthcare.

I trust in the wisdom of my House colleagues, who, in passing the Women's Health Protection Act, are standing with the women of this country in every State.

HONORING THE LIFE OF ANNE MUELLER

(Mr. CARTER of Georgia asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CARTER of Georgia. Madam Speaker, I rise today with a heavy heart to remember and honor Anne Mueller of Savannah, Georgia, who, sadly, passed away on September 15 at the age of 91.

Anne devoted her life to serving her community and the State of Georgia.

After graduating from the University of Georgia in 1951, Anne began an impactful career as a State representative, where she served for 20 years.

Beyond her service as a State representative, Anne was actively involved in improving the Savannah community.

As a board member of the Savannah-Chatham Humane Society and member of the Savannah Cultural Affairs Commission. Anne touched countless lives.

Anne's passion for others is remarkable, and I know her impact will never be forgotten. Her irreplaceable presence will be missed by all.

I am honored to rise today to remember Anne and her lifetime of service to her community.

My thoughts and prayers are with her family, friends, and all who knew her during this most difficult time.

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CRISIS AT THE BORDER

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Ms. Leger Fernandez). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Texas (Mr. Roy) is recognized until 10 p.m. as the designee of the minority leader.

Mr. ROY. Madam Speaker, while the Members of the United States Congress exit the Chamber, as they often do after whatever the majority deems appropriate to have on the floor of the House—which there was obviously the important National Defense Authorization Act—nevertheless, in my home State of Texas, the people of Texas are under siege with wide open borders.

And so right now, as we have Members of Congress, all 400 and something of my colleagues, who just left the Chamber, they are going off now to go have a steak dinner, go have a glass of wine, go hang out with some of their colleagues, meet up with some folks here in the District of Columbia.

But some 1,500 or maybe more miles away in Texas, we have a State and a people who are dealing with the consequences of an administration that fails to faithfully execute the laws of the United States and leaves Texas wide open to be harmed, endangered, and nobody in this body on the other side of the aisle seems to care in the slightest bit.

I went down to south Texas a couple weeks ago with my friend, Senator TED CRUZ. We met with ranchers in Roma, Texas. We met with leaders and ranchers and law enforcement in Uvalde, Texas. We met with the leaders of Webb County in Laredo, Texas. We went down to McAllen, Texas. All places that President Joe Biden has seemingly never been to in his 50 years of public service. Certainly hasn't been there since he has been President.

The Vice President of the United States, who is allegedly in charge of the border, hasn't found her way to any of these places that I visited a mere 2 weeks ago.

The vast majority of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle haven't found their way. Of course, one of my colleagues, the gentlewoman from New York, a couple years ago somewhat famously found her way down to the border to decry, quote, kids in cages.

Where is that colleague today? Wearing perhaps an all-white outfit with red letters on it.

Where is the concern for the little girls whose legs have been branded, burned by cartels?

Where is the concern for the 89 dead migrants, bodies found in Brooks County, Texas? 89. Where is the concern?

My colleagues on the other side of the aisle like to go around talking about how compassionate they are for those seeking to come to the United States. They suggest that those of us who believe that the border should be secure don't want Brown people in the United States. That is what they not only imply, that is basically what they say.

Meanwhile, there are a hell of a lot of Brown people in south Texas who are getting pretty ticked off at an administration that refuses to actually secure the border while their families are in danger.

There are a whole lot of Brown people who work for the Border Patrol who are feeling pretty darn unappreciated right now, when the White House press secretary lies to the American people. The White House press secretary lies on a daily basis to the American people.

Lie number one, perpetuating the lie that Border Patrol was whipping migrants. It is a lie, and it is being repeated by my colleagues on the other side of the aisle. It is a lie. The President of the United States and those in charge of the press secretary are countenancing this lie about Border Patrol.

This picture I am standing next to is a picture of Border Patrol with one of their horses, interacting with a young boy, who is one of the migrants from Haiti who is down in Del Rio.

The young fellow is having a good time with this Border Patrol agent down on his knees. The Border Patrol agent is a man, probably with a family. I don't know how old he is.

But I know a lot of Border Patrol agents because I actually go there. I don't just dismiss Border Patrol agents as some sort of callous individuals who don't care about human beings. But that is what my colleagues on the other side of the aisle do every single day, led by the President of the United States with a voice from a press secretary who lies every single day about the state of our border, who lies every single day about the actions of Border Patrol.

And then today, they had the audacity to take away horses, at least in the Del Rio sector—I haven't been able to look at the entire order—take away horses and the ability of Border Patrol to actually try to patrol the border. This coming from people who have never been to the dadgum border.

There are no navigable roads along the river. My Democrat colleagues don't care. My Democrat colleagues don't care that Border Patrol can't run along the river. You would think—at least in their politically correct nonsense they espouse every day—that they wouldn't want them to have to use automobiles, that maybe they could use horses to go down to the river.

Not one of my colleagues on the other side of the aisle goes down and meets with the ranchers, the Border Patrol agents who are dealing with the actual outcome, the actual result of an administrative policy to leave our borders wide open.

In the State of Texas, the Department of Public Safety has caught over 400 pounds of fentanyl this year, compared to 10 pounds last year. Dead Texans. Dead Texans as a direct result of this administration's refusal, flat-out refusal to faithfully execute the laws of the United States.

A Sweet'N Low packet of fentanyl in pure form would kill every member of this body in this room. Certainly a few packets would. 10,000 pounds of fentanyl has been intercepted this year. More than the last 3 years combined.

Where are my Democratic colleagues? I asked this question when I was in Laredo 2 weeks ago when I was standing next to the Hispanic county judge of Webb County. A county judge in Texas is the chief administrator of the county. I asked, Where is Joe Biden? When he got up to the podium, he said, That is a great question, Where is Joe Biden?

Well, if Joe Biden knows where he is, it would be helpful. He sure as heck is not down at the border. He is sure as heck not down in Laredo, and his policies are abandoning the people of Laredo and abandoning the people of Texas.